

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A centralizer comprising an annular body with a bore extending through the body and one or more blades, the centralizer being adapted to fit around a tubular to be centralized, and comprising [a tempered metal.] austempered ductile iron.

2. (Currently Amended) The [A] centralizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the centralizer is made substantially from a tempered metal.

3. (Currently Amended) The [A] centralizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the [metal is ductile iron.] the centralizer is adapted to fit around a casing to be centralized within a bore hole.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The [A] centralizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal comprises at least one of 3.2-3.8wt % C and 2.2-2.8wt % Si.

6. (Currently Amended) The [A] centralizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal is alloyed with at least one of Mo, Cu and Ni.

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7. (Currently Amended) The [A] centralizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal is alloyed with at least one of Mg, Mn, Sn, Sb, P, S, O, Cr, Ti, V, Al, As, Bi, B, Cd, Pb, Se, Te, Be, Ca, Sr, Ba, Y, La, and Ce.

8. (Currently Amended) The [A] centralizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blades are circumferentially distributed around the outer surface of the centralizer, each extending parallel to the bore of the centralizer.

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